

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Chris Christie
Governor**Kim Guadagno**
Lt. Governor**Raymond P. Martinez**
Chairman and Chief Administrator

July 22, 2013

Re: Patient Medical Certification and Recertification Applications for
Disability Parking Privileges (*New Jersey State Law, N.J.S.A. 39:4-204 through 39:4-207.9*)

Dear Member of the New Jersey Medical Community:

Effective August 1, 2013, New Jersey State Law regarding the issuance of parking privileges for persons with a disability has been amended to help reduce fraud. The medical certification required to obtain these parking privileges will now expire every three (3) years. Qualified medical practitioners like yourself will play a vital role in helping people who need these privileges to keep them.

As in the past, a patient seeking to initially obtain a persons with a disability placard and/or license plates will continue to ask for your assistance.

One change under the amended law (specifically, N.J.S.A. 39:4-205) is that patients who seek to retain a persons with a disability placard and/or license plates must submit, to the MVC, a new medical certification every three years. This certification can only be obtained from a qualified medical practitioner such as yourself.

The certification that you will be asked to sign, states that the applicant's disability meets, or continues to meet, the eligibility criteria that you are asked to specifically select on the application.

In addition, it is imperative that a clearly written **prescription** from you for the placard/license plates be included **with the certifying application**. Only in the event that you, the medical practitioner, are not authorized to write prescriptions, will a signed, formal letter on your official letterhead, addressed to the MVC, be an acceptable

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substitute for the prescription.

With the implementation of the amended law (N.J.S.A. 39:4-205), no application can be accepted without **both** the signed certification and a prescription (see above for substitution circumstance).

Your patient's application **will be rejected without both** of these necessary components. Your National Provider Identifier (NPI) and taxonomy code (classification of health care providers according to the primary services you render that you specified when applying for your NPI) must also be supplied on the medical certification.

We'd like you to know that your patients can find the updated application form, that they need to fill out and present to you, online at www.njmvc.gov. This form must be **fully completed** and submitted for all applications, both initial and recertification, for disability parking privileges.

Also effective August 1, 2013, the types of licensed medical practitioners who are qualified to authorize these certifications has been expanded to include all of the following:

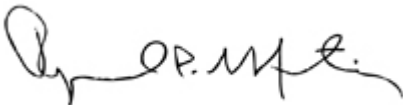
- Physicians
- Podiatrists
- Chiropractic physicians
- Physician assistants
- Nurse practitioners

The practitioner must be licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey or a bordering state. Certifications from physicians stationed at a United States military or naval installation located in this state and licensed to practice in any state are also acceptable.

Should you require additional information please feel free to contact:
(888) 486-3339

As always, your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond P. Martinez".

Raymond P. Martinez
MVC Chairman and Chief Administrator

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